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SUBJECT: PRESS COVERAGE OF US DELEGATION - SECOND DAY

- 1. ALL DELHI NEWSPAPERS MONDAY CARRIED STORIES AND PIX OF MRS. LILLIAN CARTER AND US DELEGATION.
- 2. PRO-GOVERNMENT NATIONAL HERALD AND INDIAN EXPRESS FRONTPAGED STORIES REPORTING MRS. CARTER'S SUJDAY AFTERNOON MEETING WITH MRS. GANDHI. NATIONAL HERALD HEADLINE SAID "MRS. CARTER HOPES FOR BETTER TIES."

 EXPRESS SAID "PRIME MINISTER MOVED BY CARTER'S GESTURE."
 HINDUSTAN TIMES HEADLINE READ "PM'S CORDIAL MEETING WITH MRS. CARTER." PRESS QUOTED MRS. CARTER REMARKING THAT "IT WAS A GOOD MEETING." MOST OTHER PAPERS CARRIED SAMACHAR (NATIONAL WIRE SERVICE) STORY ON INSIDE PAGE. THE STORIES NOTED THE MEETING LASTED FOR 45 MINUTES. NATIONAL HERALD INSIDED A 4-COLUMN PIX OF MRS. CARTER, CHIP CARTER AND MRS. GANDHI.
 HINDUSTAN TIMES BACKPAGED MRS. CARTER'S PIX SHAKING HANDS WITH MRS. GANDHI. WITH SANJAY GANDHI PICTURED IN NEAR BACKGROUND.
- 3. GENERAL WRAPUP STORY ON FOREIGN DIGNITARIES PAYING HOMAGE TO PRESIDENT AHMED INCLUDED BRIEF MENTION OF US DELEGATION AND MRS. CARTER PAYING TRIBUTE.

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- 4. HINDUSTAN TIMES INSIDED PIX OF MRS. CARTER WITH CHARGE D'AFFAIRES AND OTHERS AT THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE.
- 5. TIMES OF INDIA, INDIAN EXPRESS, PATRIOT, FINANCIAL EXPRESS INSIDED PICTURE OF MRS. CARTER EXPRESSING SYMPATHY TO WIDOW OF PRES. AHMED.

6. A TOTAL OF 8 PICTURES OF MRS. CARTER AT VARIOUS OCCASIONS HAVE APPEARED IN ALL PAPERS INCLUDING THE PRO-MOSCOW PATRIOT. ALL PAPERS ALSO HAD A ROUNDUP STORY ON FOREIGN DIGNITARIES, INCLUDING MRS. CARTER AND THE US DELEGATION. TIMES OF INDIA AND HINDUSTAN TIMES HAD FOUR STORIES EACH ON MRS. CARTER AND DELEGATION'S ACTIVITIES. ONLY PATRIOT DID NOT CARRY ANY SEPARATE STORY ON US DELEGATION.

7. WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS OF HINDUSTAN TIMES AND TIMES OF INDIA REPORTED PRESIDENT CARTER'S REMARKS AT PLAINS PRESS CONFERENCE NOTING THAT HIS MOTHER AND SON WERE IN INDIA TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL. KAMATH OF TIMES OF INDIA SAID: "MR. CARTER LIGHTHEARTEDLY SUGGESTED THAT US RELATIONS WITH INDIA WOULD EITHER BE 'VERY GOOD OR THEY WILL BE DESTROYED WHEN MAMMA GETS BACK"."

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